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1. The KBELY Plant is part of the "Czechoslovakian Metal-working and Engineering Plant, National Corporation." It is a subsidiary of the "Pal" National Corporation.
2. Location: On the right side of the PRAGUE-BRANDYS highway, opposite the KBELY military airfield.
3. Plant history: The KBELY Plant of the "Pal" National Corporation, located in KBELY near PRAGUE, was formerly a plant of the "Ostmark" Combine. Its construction was completed by the Germans in 1944. It was completely equipped with German machines.
4. Management: Director HALEK.
5. Work force: During the protectorate period about four thousand workmen were employed in one shift. The present work force numbers about a thousand men. The plant still needs lathe-hands, metal grinders, auxiliary workmen and women for light work.
6. Production: Electric igniters for automobiles and motorcycles (reproductions of the "Bosch" igniter), magnetos, 6-and 12-Volt ignition coils, switches, throw-over switches, direction indicators (trafficators), measuring instruments for radio receiving and transmitting sets, emergency transmitters, voltmeters and ammeters, transformers etc., table ventilators, automobile dynamo machines, hand dynamos, electric hand drilling machines.
7. Raw materials: They are supplied by the WITKOWITZ Ironworks (iron and plate materials) and by the Combined Copper Plants (copper and nonferrous metals).
8. Delivery of finished products: Electromotor materials delivered to the "Janecek" Plant of the "Zbwojovka" in PANKRAC; automobile

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equipment to the "Avia" Plant in IETNANY; ammeters and voltmeters to the KBEELY Military Administration, and radio parts to the "Philips" Firm in NOVY HLOUBETIN.

9. Bottlenecks: Production is greatly hampered by the heavy shortage of insulating materials, nonferrous metals, tool steels for the punches etc. The plant has heavy liabilities and incurred a debt of 5 million crowns within the last three months.
10. Power supply: Power is supplied by the HOMESOVICE Power Plant. Steam for heating the plant and for the operation of the steam hammers is generated in the plant itself. The same applies to gas which is produced in the plant-owned gasworks, which consume one carload of coke monthly.
11. Security: The plant is surrounded by an eight-foot high concrete wall. At the highway the enclosure consists of a wire fence. Each corner of the plant building is lighted at night.

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